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For: PROCESS FOR REMOVING DEPOSITS
FROM WATER-CARRYING SYSTEMS
AND DEVICES FOR WATER SUPPLY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent applications No. PCT/DE00/04426, references D) to F) which were cited in the specification filed August 6, 2001 and references G) to J). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 5,587,142 A	Horwitz et al.	12-24-1996
B)	USA	US 5,910,475 A	Neumiller et al.	06-08-1999
C)	Germany	DE 25 20 988 A	Mitsubishi	11-20-1975
D)	Germany	DE 198 08 621 A1	Lanfermann	09-02-1999
E)	Germany	DE 2 040 546	Feldmann	06-29-1972
F)	Europe	EP 0 113 060 B1	R. Späne	10-29-1986
G)	Germany	DE 33 03 802 A1	Deutsche Nalco C.	08-16-1984
H)	USA	US 4,810,405	Waller et al.	03-07-1989
I)	USA	US 5,078,894	Horwitz et al.	01-07-1992
J)	USA	US 5,122,279	Guess	06-16-1992

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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- ☐ The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

- ☐ That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;
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- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 set forth in 1.17(p).
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference G) describes a method for cleaning and conditioning water storage an/or water distribution systems, which are exposed to pollution and in particular an accumulation of ochre, using an aqueous washing which subjects at least part of the system surfaces to the action of a nonionic surface-active agent and a dithionite-containing compound for sufficiently long until coatings, deposits, ochre an like sediments have dissolved.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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